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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : MANFRED T. REETZ ET AL.  
SERIAL NO. : 09/831,566  
FILED : May 10, 2001  
FOR : WATER-SOLUBLE NANOSTRUCTURED METAL-OXIDE  
COLLOIDS AND METHOD FOR PREPARING SAME  
ART UNIT : 1712  
EXAMINER : D. Metzmaier

October 18, 2004

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.